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## 5 Mistakes to Avoid When Buying an Engagement Ring

The choice of an engagement ring, symbol par excellence of the commitment to love, is not made lightly. In this article we give you 5 mistakes to avoid and tips on how to choose the right engagement ring.

While the tradition has evolved over the years, an engagement without a ring is not a real engagement! If you truly desire to make the moment special, do not choose the said ring in a hurry. Do not panic if you are not sure how to do it, we give you 5 tips on how to make the right choice.

### 1. Define a Budget

The price of engagement rings can quickly hit the roof. So, before embarking on a search for the perfect jewel, you must define the budget you want to put into the engagement ring.

Silver, yellow gold, white gold or platinum? It is the previously defined budget that will shape the material of the engagement ring. Namely, platinum is the most expensive metal since it is harder to destroy as opposed to silver and gold which can quickly deform and oxidize.

In addition, it is sometimes better to opt for a gemstone which is smaller but of better quality. An idea that 56% of women share, according to a survey conducted in July-August 2014.

### 2. Anything-Will-Do-Design is a No-No

A little common sense! Style the ring according to the taste of the person who will wear it. If the person to be offered an engagement ring is rather discreet, skimp on rings with big stones (like that of Kim Kardashian). If the to-be only wears yellow gold, obviously opt for a yellow gold ring. I told you, It's a matter of common sense. If the future fiancée has small hands, avoid rings that are too imposing and conversely if he/she has large hands, make sure not to buy a ring that is too small. A word of advice: observe the future bride/groom and collect the little clues for the right fitting and design.

### 3. Do Not Hesitate To Buy A Rare Ring

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A very good compromise is to bet on the surprise effect of the engagement request without being mistaken about the choice of the ring. The idea is simple: buy an affordable ring (fancy, classic or rare, It's up to you) just to make the proposal. All women, without exception, remember the D-Day, the day they were asked in marriage. And then later you can go pick up the "real" engagement ring with the chosen one. This keeps the risk of being wrong out by 100%.

#### 4. Do Not Only Bet on A Diamond

Although according to a survey, more than 50% of women would prefer a solitaire diamond as an engagement ring, it is not necessary to generalize. In fact, there is no law or rule in this area. There are other stones which we do not think of in priority but they are just as pretty (and less expensive) like quartz, tourmaline, sapphire, emerald... And other types of more graphic rings. Tastes and colors...

#### 5. Start Thinking About the Style of The Wedding Bands

Who says betrothal says marriage. So when you choose your engagement ring, you are already trying to visualize the style of wedding rings you will like. The engagement ring and the wedding bands are both worn on the same finger (ring finger of the left hand). So, try to choose an engagement ring that will go well with the band.

For a pretty engagement ring with a vintage style, a retro look and a slightly lower price, do not hesitate to take a look at the auction house or jewelry stores. Sometimes you can discover beautiful finds that can use a redo work by a jeweler.

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